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on the basis of an image signal in a selected zone [on the basis of the image signal];

      exposure control means for controlling exposure based upon the detected

exposure condition;

      memory means for storing control parameters [relating to exposure control

by] of said exposure control means when [said exposure control means is optimized] an exposure

control by said exposure control means is completed and an optimum exposure control state is

obtained; and

      control means for controlling said exposure control means to maintain [an

optimized] the optimum exposure [condition on the basis of] control state by using the control

parameters stored in said memory means.

      3. (Amended) An image sensing apparatus having image sensing means for

sensing a subject image formed on an image sensing plane and outputting an image signal [of]

corresponding to the subject image, comprising:

      zone selecting means for selecting any zone [from an image signal] on the

image sensing plane;

      exposure detection means for detecting an exposure condition [relating to]

on the basis of the image signal in a selected zone [on the basis of the image signal];

      exposure control means for controlling exposure based upon the detected

exposure condition;

      memory means for storing control parameters [relating to exposure control

by] of said exposure control means when [said exposure control means is optimized] an exposure

<u>control by said exposure control means is completed and an optimum exposure control state is</u>

<u>obtained;</u>

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control means for controlling said exposure control means to maintain [an

optimized] <u>the optimum</u> exposure [condition on the basis of] <u>control state by using</u> the control

parameters stored in said memory means; and

selected-zone detection means for determining whether the image signal

captured by said image sensing means contains said zone upon elapse of a prescribed period of

time, and outputting a signal for resetting control parameters in said memory means if the

<u>captured image signal is not contained in said zone.</u>

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6. (Amended) An image sensing apparatus having image sensing means for

sensing a subject <u>image formed on an image sensing plane</u> and outputting an image signal [of]

<u>corresponding to</u> the subject <u>image,</u> comprising:

zone selecting means for selecting any zone [from the image signal] <u>on the</u>

<u>image sensing plane;</u>

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exposure detection means for detecting an exposure condition relating to the

image signal in a selected zone on the basis of the image signal;

exposure control means for controlling an exposure based upon the detected

exposure condition;

first memory means for storing control parameters [relating to exposure

control by] <u>of</u> said exposure control means when [said exposure control means is optimized] <u>an</u>

<u>exposure control by said exposure control means is completed and an optimum exposure control</u>

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state is obtained;

control means for controlling said exposure control means to maintain [an

optimized] the optimum exposure [condition on the basis of] control state by using the control

parameters stored in said first memory means;

second memory means for storing a video signal of said zone; and

detection means for determining whether a zoomed image signal captured by

said image sensing means contains the video signal of said zone stored in said second memory

means, and outputting a signal for resetting the control parameters in said first memory means if

the captured image signal is not contained in said zone.

9. (Amended) An image sensing apparatus having display means for

displaying an image signal, comprising:

a pointing device for selecting any zone in a screen displayed by said display

means;

adjusting means for applying a prescribed adjustment to [a video] the image

signal of said zone;

memory means for storing adjusting data obtained from said adjusting

means; and

control means for storing the adjusting data in said memory means when

adjustment by said adjusting means [has attained] is completed and a prescribed state [in said

memory means] is obtained, and for controlling said adjusting means to maintain the prescribed

state [on the basis of] by using the adjusting data in said memory means.